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JP 8-231847, accompanied by an English language abstract, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning on page 2, last paragraph;

JP 2002-265777, accompanied by an English language abstract, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning on page 3, second paragraph;

U.S. Patent No. 6,352,782, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning on page 3, last paragraph;

U.S. Patent No. 4,059,568, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning on page 11, last paragraph;

JP 2002-536476 which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning on page 12, first full paragraph. A copy of its family member U.S. Patent No. 6,211,327 is being submitted for JP 2002-536476.

Dwain M. WHITE, "The synthesis of 4-Hydroxyarylene Ethers by the Equilibration of Phenols with Poly(2,6-dimethyl-1,4-phenylene ether), The Journal of Organic Chemistry, Vol. 34, No. 2, pp. 297-303 (1969), which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning on page 12, first full paragraph; and

JP 2002-80503, accompanied by an English language abstract, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning on page 21, second full paragraph.

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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